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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING TIOTROPIUM SALTS AND

ANTIHISTAMINES AND THEIR USE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 **IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 9, 2003, OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003. In that Office Action, a three month shortened statutory period was set for response, and this Amendment is therefore timely. If it is determined that any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Amendment, however, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), please cancel claims 10 to 16 and 26 to 32 and amend claims 1, 17 to 25, 54, and 55 as follows (the marked up version of the amended claims follows the Remarks).

- --1. (Amended) An inhalable powder pharmaceutical composition comprising:
 - (a) a tiotropium salt;
 - (b) an antihistamine; and
 - (c) a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient selected from glucose, arabinose, lactose, saccharose, or maltose,

the tiotropium salt and the antihistamine optionally in the form of their enantiomers, mixtures of their enantiomers, their racemates, their solvates, or their hydrates.--